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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Resolution Honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes

Attached is a draft resolution honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes, who is retiring from the Michigan Department of Education. Dr. Hughes has been the Department's Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer since 2002, and has also served as Interim Superintendent.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Jeremy Michael Hughes, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated April 30, 2007.

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RESOLUTION

JEREMY MICHAEL HUGHES

WHEREAS, Jeremy M. Hughes received his Bachelor's degree In Philosophy and Latin, with minors in English and History from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes received his Master's degree in Educational Administration and his Ph.D. in Educational Administration, with minor in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Michigan Department of Education in October 2002, Dr. Hughes was director of the Office of Educational Assessment and Michigan Merit Award for the Michigan Department of Treasury for seven months (April – October 2002), superintendent of Dearborn Public schools for 13 years (1989-2002), superintendent of Haslett Public Schools for 10 years (1979-1989), assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Saginaw Township schools for five years (1974-1979), a high school principal in Minneapolis, and a teacher of Latin and English in Ohio and Minnesota high schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes joined the Michigan Department of Education in October 2002 as Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes served as Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction from March 10, 2005 - July 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer Dr. Hughes worked with local school districts and the U. S. Department of Education to fully explain and implement the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) in a manner that would benefit all the students in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, to further implement NCLB, Dr. Hughes shepherded many activities and projects including development of the Grade Level Content Expectations, recommendations regarding rigorous high school graduation requirements, the Michigan Merit Examination, the MI-Access examinations for students with disabilities, and just recently coordinated the activities of the Teacher Preparation Policy Study Group; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education receive with deep regret the news of the well-deserved retirement of this able and distinguished educator, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extend to Jeremy Hughes its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise he has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens his work has affected and benefited; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Jeremy Hughes enjoys many rewarding experiences with his wife Dorinda and their family.